

C1 fused by heating under a pressure after sandwiching the portion to be fused between a pair of pieces made of a plastic identical to that of the plastic tubes.--

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--9. (New) A method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser comprising arranging a plurality of continuous plastic tubes filled with a liquid synthetic sex pheromone by aspiration, fusing the tubes together at predetermined points by heating under pressure to connect the tubes to each other at that point, cutting the tubes at each such fused portion to produce a dispenser composed of two side by side tubes having end portions which are connected to each other and a central portion and pulling apart the central portion to separate the central portion of each tube from the central portion of the other tube.--

REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the number of claim 10 has been corrected to claim 9 and claim 6 has been amended to correct the dependency. This obviates the objection raised by the examiner with respect to claim 6 and it should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 and 9 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of the Coplan et al '030 reference in view of Sakurada et al '843 are requested. The examiner states that Coplan discloses a method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone dispenser whose end portions are connected to each other by arranging a plurality of continuous plastic tubes filled with a liquid synthetic sex pheromone, fusing them at predetermined pitches by heating under pressure and cutting them at "each fused portion". The examiner recognizes that Coplan does